(b) and (c) As a measure of rehabilitation of widows of soldiers killed in Kargil operation, they have been paid an *ex-gratia* amount of Rs. 10 lakhs each and have been sanctioned Liberalised Family Pension equal to the last pay drawn by the deceased soldier. They have also been given as amount of Rs. 5 lakhs for housing and Rs. 1 lakhs per child or Rs. 2 lakhs per family for education of children from the National Defence Fund. There are only two cases in which next of kin of martyrs are yet to be paid the above benefits as their dependents have filed cases in Courts.

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has formulated a special scheme earmarking 500 LPG/Retail outlet distributorship for direct allotment to the widows/next of kin of Kargil Martyrs. Applications received from 460 widows/ next of kin of Kargil martyrs have been forwarded by the Directorate General Resettlement to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. That Ministry has approved allotment of 429 outlets to the martyr of Kargil dependents. Action to approve the remaining outlets is being taken with that Ministry.

Identification of vulnerable areas of the coastline

4806. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry has identified the coastline which is vulnerable; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b) The Indian Navy and the Coast Guard have identified the vulnerable coastline and sensitive coastal areas of Tamil Nadu. Maharashtra and Gujarat including the Island territories of Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep. These areas are under constant surveillance.

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†4807. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he had given an assurance on 20th November, 2000 in the meeting of Hindi Salahkar Samiti of the Ministry that he will take action on the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.